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March 16 for Roger Patterson as a part of the Climate Assessment Response Committee. He was represented at that confirmation hearing by Leroy Sievers. He's the director of Department of Water Resources, and his confirmation report is forwarded to you for approval today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. For discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, since this has...this appointment has to do with climate and it was advanced by the Ag Committee, I'll let Senator Dierks know I don't want to rain on his parade, nor do I want to plough new ground. So all I will say is that my negative vote on this appointment is based on the reasons I've given in the past, and have no relationship to the suitability of this gentleman to obtain this appointment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, would you like to close? Senator Dierks waives closing. The question is the adoption of the confirmation report of the Agriculture Committee, found on Journal page 1854. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you voted? Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the first confirmation report as offered by the Agriculture Committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The report is agreed to.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dierks, the Chair of Agriculture, offers a report on the appointments of Nolan Berry and Jon Holzfaster.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The hearing for confirmation for Nolan Berry and Jon Holzfaster was for the Dry Bean Commission, and the hearing was on April 13. Nolan Berry is from Gering, Nebraska, was represented at the hearing by Senator Adrian Smith. And Jon Holzfaster is from Paxton, Nebraska, and he was represented by